also be provided in 5801/5802 Cachar Express and 5811/5812 Barak Valley Express. I hope Railway Minister would take care of these problems.

Situation arising due to statement of Dalai Lama on Kashmir

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र (उत्तर प्रदेश) : धन्यवाद महोदय, मान्यवर, तिब्बत के धार्मिक नेता दलाईलामा ने कश्मीर की समस्या के लिए कश्मीरियों को प्रशासन का अधिकार देने की अपील की है। उन्होंने कहा है कि दोनों देशों के बीच बातचीत के दौरान हुर्रियत कांफ्रेंस को शामिल किया जाना चाहिए। हुर्रियत कांफ्रेंस ने दलाईलामा को कश्मीर आने का निमन्त्रण भी दिया है। दूसरी तरफ निर्वासित तिब्बती सरकार के निर्वाचित प्रधान मंत्री प्रो. समदोंग रिनपोछे ने बयान दिया है कि कश्मीर की तुलना तिब्बत से नहीं हो सकती। ऐसी बयानबाजी से कश्मीर मुद्दे पर उलझनें और बढ़ती हैं। ये लोग हमारे देश में निर्वासित (शरणार्थी) मेहमान है। तिब्बत के सवाल पर हम उनके आन्दोलन के समर्थक हैं लेकिन सरकार से हम यह उम्मीद करते हैं कि इस तरह के वक्तव्यों पर विदेश मंत्री या गृह मंत्री सदन में एक वक्तव्य दें।

Protection to Sri Satya Sai Baba

SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY (Karnataka): Hon. Chairman, Sir, this Special Mention is directed towards the Home Ministry, as it pertains to the security of Bhagvan Sri Satya Sai Baba who ordinarily resides in ashrams situated at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh and Whitefield in Karnataka.

The Deccan Herald newspaper, which is a leading daily in Karnataka, has reported that the Swamiji is facing threat from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Sir, the Press report states that the Karnataka State police and Andhra Pradesh police are in the process of analysing the threat perception. I would like to state that the Home Departments of the two States have to act on the assumption that the threat exists and provide the Swamiji all the security prescribed in the textbook. Considering the recent attack of the LTTE on the Sri Lankan Airport and the growing menace of Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh, it is my humble appeal that utmost caution be exercised in addressing this issue. In the recent past, disruptive elements and terrorists were focussing on VIP's and are trying to gain mileage and publicity by attacking them.

Sir, Bhagvan Sri Satya Sai Baba is a Divine asset of our country and a saint of the highest order and his spirituality is known all over the world. His contribution to mankind, by establishing hospitals, universities, water supply systems and social philanthropy cannot be described in words. Considering the above facts, I request the Government to immediately initiate appropriate security measures and provide the Bhagvan the highest degree of proximal and distant security cover.

SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA (ANDHRA PRADESH): Sir, I associate myself with this Special Mention.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, I would like to respond. I will bring the important issue raised by the hon. Member to the notice of the hon. Home Minister.

Restoration of Autonomy in Jammu and Kashmir

MIRZA ABDUL RASHID (Jammu and Kashmir) : I wish to invite the attention of the House to the fact that an elected Jammu and Kashmir Assembly with two-thirds majority passed a resolution for restoration of autonomy in the State and it was submitted to the Central Government. Sir, under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, this special status has been extended only to the Jammu and Kashmir State and it cannot be equated with any other State of the country. The outright rejection of this resolution of restoration of autonomy without any deliberation has shocked not only a majority in the Assembly of the State but also 90 per cent population of the State, who acceded to India under the historical Instrument of Accession signed by late Maharaja Hari Singh of the State. This Instrument of Accession was supported and approved by the then elected Assembly of the State under the leadership of the great Sher-e-Kashmir, late Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah. Since then, the Jammu and Kashmir State is an integral part of India.

Restoration of autonomy, within the framework of the Indian Constitution, can de-escalate the escalated violence and can de-internationalise the baseless propaganda against India. This restoration of autonomy would be a befitting reply to the Pakistan-sponsored ISI nefarious designs and to the anti-India campaign of the separatist groups in the State. I urge upon the Central Government to review this issue for a discussion in the House, and a Committee of the constitutional experts from the Central Government as well as from the State Government be constituted for sorting out any objectionable clause, if any, in the Autonomy report. This is the only solution for confidence - building among the people and bringing back ever-lasting peace and prosperity to the State. I seek the co-operation of the House in this respect.

DR. Y. RADHAKRISHNA MURTY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member, Shri Mirza Abdul Rashid.